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### THE PRIMARY AND THE ROANOKE

A' careful perusal of the opinions ments. The amendment suggested most the primary. There seems, however, to he a plentiful lack of suggestions as to the best mode of abolishing this fea-

work connected with the

holding the primary without but it is more than doubtful whether ich would ever be the case generally Undoubtedly no State convention could rvices of its members with any assurance that its suggestion would be

thorities make an effort to secure the free services of judges, clerks and scriptions to pay those who will not serve without charge before calling

go further and demand the enactmen of a statute legalizing primary elec-Constitutional Conventio largely Democratic, put this clause into the new Constitution:

"Section 86. The General Assembly the regularity and purity of general, practices in connection therewith."

regularity and purity of primary election day of his death. tions. The Roanoke convention should

CONSOLIDATION IN CITY GOVERN-MENT. For two years The Times-Dispatch has been urging the Council to consolidate the offices of City Engineer and Superintendent of Water Works. At Ordinance and Reform, and we congratulate the committee upon its wise the city has wasted thousands of dollars because there was no organized and Water Departments. By making Mr. Bolling the head of both departwith, and a notable advance towards a proper administration of city affairs will be made. With competent suborrun under one head better than they

eliminate the interference of commit tees, the better will it be for the tax

Weekly (Wednesday), 1.00 .50 .25 ... farms, are producing in abundance cotcorn and vegetables that are the raw material for industries in and around Chase City.

> mills to grind the grain that grows around the town.

out that she is rich.

Sherman anti-trust law has not been the part of the government to test the legality of this monopoly of transpor

so. Likewise, it is highly hopeful auguries can be drawn. They men with the courage and power to

The last chance that Eustace Miles ship. At the conclusion of the preced-

only so far as they make the body strong to serve and the heart brave shall enact such laws as are necessary to endure. No man can be happy as and proper for the purpose of securing an athletic champion alone. The records of all the great prize fighters, local and primary elections, and pre- baseball players, jockeys, oarsmen and venting and punishing any corrupt all-round athletes become lighter than vanity when compared with the As to general and local elections, attainments of such a man as Robert complete and specific provision has Louis Stevenson, who, despite his been made, but, as we have heretofore physical weakness, kept up a brave pointed out, there has been no effec- heart and wrote for the encouragement tive provision made for securing the and delight of the world almost until

What athlete that ever ran, excepgo on record as demanding that the perhaps Pheldippides, the bringer of go on record as demanding that the news of the glorious victory at Legislature should carry out in letter the news of the glorious victory at Marathon, ever had such deserved remove a Kate Douglass, who thrust her nown as Kate Douglass, who thrust her tution.

Congress is going to adjourn which will give Joe Cannon a chance to retire to his little Danville home and make up the United States of America's bunch of laws for 1908-09. save her king, or Walter Reed, who died to prove the truth that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes; Young Gould is doubtless a physical wonder, and should be justly glad of last our suggestion has been adopted his advantages, but the world has been by the Council Committee on Charter, made great and beautiful and pure by men who spend more time developing their hearts and their heads than

### their arms and their legs. "THE LAMP AND THE LIGHT,"

(Selected for The Times-Dispatch,) "We have, also, a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto we do well, that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts."-2 Peter i. 19.

A prophet is one who speaks by A prophet is one who speaks by God's commission in God's behalf. Each prophet brought some message from God. And whether that message took grafters leave. dinates these two departments can be prophet brought some message from were originally run under two, and the the form of remonstrance or encourcity will save the waste and double agement, of promise or warning, of the straw votes of Old Virginia are present, or revelation of the past, reproof of the past, reproof of the present, or revelation of the future, in parable straw berries.

times past spake unto the fathers by the prophets.'

ferent term from that which is applied in Scripture to Christ Himself. point the way to Christ Himself, the true Light.

Scriptures. Writing many years after

When we would begin to define in ourselves in the bypaths which di verge on the one side and the other Bible lies unread, while men quarre it is not as an oracle of God, but as origin and purpose.

in judgment upon that Word which is of peace.

honor not His Word, God doth

liar difficulties in the way of study. Impatience and sloth, as well live practically without a Bible.

Who, save Christ, even professes to have for us the "words of

Such is this world of ours, full of phantoms and shadows, nightly dreams and waking visions;

who has spoken to us in His word shall reveal Himself face to face in

"Home is a magnificent place," says the Washington Heraid. We extend commiserations to our unhappy contemporary. The homes of Royal Richmond are invariably homelike places, without magnificence, and are therefore far more popular with husbands than any club, lodge or sick friend that ever happened.

"It's terrible to gamble when you lose," says the Philadelphia Ledger. Also it is terrible to lose when you gamble. In fact, losing is apt to have an element of painfulness about it whether you gamble or not.

Before Secretary Taft goes furthe in his endeavors to land a four-year job in Washington, would it not be advisable for him to find out whether he likes the town?

That French artist who cut up \$100, 000 worth of his own pictures might have earned the undying gratitude of America if he had explained his point of view, in time and convincingly, to

Mr. Wu, so the Houston Post tells us, maintains that "a good man obeys his wife." Why not blue-pencil the "good," Mr. Wu?

"There is no fool like an old fool," i an excellent maxim in its way, but it appears that Mae C. Wood has got hold

that the Council can centralize the all cases alike it was a constituent work of the various departments of part of "the prophetic word." It good for only 200 years more, but the city under competent heads and forms one portion of the whole of that

### Rhymes for To-Day

THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SON. Guard Depositors.

To depredate, assassinate, to slaughter Rings True.

how appease her scorning?
would I have to think about the waiting Morpheus' hovers?
Would grim Conscience scream at There is no

I've backed away my train of thought,
I've backed it on a siding;
Whatever else I do or don't I'll never
go nightriding.
Nor will men nightride after me, for
I'll stay here—how lucky!.
I'd rather dine on chips in Va. than
"bread in old Kentucky."
H S H

### , MERELY JOKING.

Absorbed 'Em All. Absorbed 'Em All.

Roommate: "What is this card in your hat?"
His Roommate: "Why, that was (hic) the wine list, but now (hic) it's my table of contents."—Yale Record.

Nothing Crooked. He was holding down the parlor sofa while she was holding a plano stunt. "Why is it that you play only religious pieces?" he queried. "Well, you see this is an upright plano," she explained.—Chicago News.

The Dear Girls. "Thear you are going to marry Charley."
"Yes! he asked me last evening."
"Let me congratulate you, Charley is all ritht. He is one of the nicest fellows I was ever engaged to."—Nashville American.

Chicago Cultivation.

Mrs. Lakeside: "Oh, yes, some of those narrow-minded exclusive Eastern people say that Chicago isn't cultivated."

Mr. Lakeside: "Humph! All the city is except the south part, and that's too marshy. The land ain't worth cultivatin'."—Town and Country.

Undoubtedly.

"Dolan," said Mr. Rafferty, as he looked up at the city post-office, "what does them letters "MDCCCXCVII" mean?" "They mean 'eighteen hundred and ninety-seven!" seven.'"
"Dolan," came the query after a thoughtful pause, "don't yez think they're overdoin' this spellin' reform a bit?"—Washingtor. Star.

THE more suits of clothes a man needs to make an impression on the world the more his family wishes some of them were brains.—New York Press.

If it is true that Mr. Carnegle has taken o writing poetry he must be in carnest bout wanting to die poor.—Toledo Blade. Matt Quay's body lies moldering in the ground, but his soul is marching on.—Rochester Herald.

Looking back over the career of the present Congress, we can't say that it furnishes an unanswerable argument in favor of higher salaries.—Washington Herald.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

At present Brazil leads in the world's production, and the United States in the world's consumption, of cocca.

John W. Gates sued John E. Madden, the turfman, at New York, for money alleged to be due on a stock deal, and brounds

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THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SON.

TO JUDGE from all the evidence that comes to an outsider it can be an oil nighttider— One of that queer and bitter bunch that work with tar and feathers.

And beat old dames and murder kitts in every sort of weathers.

To thrash a young and pretty girl, to slice a little baby.

To burn one's own grandpa—such things would start me blushing, maybe;

Clear the device of the state banks and requiring at the banks' expense countants, who shall report directly to the slice a little baby.

To burn one's own grandpa—such things would start me blushing, maybe;

To depredate, assassinate, to slaughter and to arson

Would not at all suit Little Me—the young embryo parkon!

If I nishtrode through all the dark and staggered home, and morning.

What could I say to wife, then?—oh, how appease her scorning?

What would I have to think about.

What would I have to think about.

It Virginia Democrats want Bryan nomi-nated they should instruct for him. If he cannot be nominated, then the delegates might be left to exercise their own swet wills, and enjoy the "manhood and indepen-dence" of which we hear so much from certain sources.—Salem Times-Register.

Shoemaker's boy to college student, an grily): "Father told me I should not leave here till I collected the bill for your shoes."

Student: "What is the matter, kid? Have you got a vacation?"—Fliegende Blaetter.

# Voice of the People

of The Times-Dispatch.

Sir,-I doubt if any editorial has ap-Undertakers are giving away cigars as an inducement to purchase confine. A sure way to promote trade would be to substitute cigarettes.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Sinia almost every county has a Republican paper. This class of papers and the prejudice is great against your paper, and lots of harm is done by it. Esnecially is this are in Southern

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# "Down Hill to Portland"

ance. Apart from the Mississippi ley in the east, it moves prevailing-

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

Portland.

The people of this fair Rose City are enthusiastic students of geography. The stranger soon finds that while the conversation may begin with the weather the export trade in wheat has aiready in the export trade in wheat has aiready are or the roses, it always ends in

merce in our country breaks
from the great dividing wall,
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